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NATION-WIDE STRIKE IS IMMINENT, NOW

Thirty-One Railway Heads Cannot Agree With President Wilson.

WILL CONFER AGAIN

Employees to Hold Another Meeting at the White House Tomorrow.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—A nationwide strike, tying up all railroads of the country, again loomed up late this afternoon.

Thirty-one railway presidents left the White House, determined, they said, not to accept a proposal by President Wilson intended to avert such a "national calamity."

Fifteen minutes later representatives of the railway workers announced they had voted to accept the proposal.

The four heads of the brotherhoods took the result of the employees' vote to the White House and remained to confer thirty-five minutes with President Wilson.

They refused, on leaving, to discuss the nature of their talk.

The general committee of 640 will remain in Washington tomorrow and have arranged again for a meeting for the purpose of keeping in touch with the situation.

Say President Is Arbitrary.

The railway presidents have contended, and with bitterness, that the President is arbitrarily trying to force down the throats of the railroads an 8-hour working day before the feasibility of its application to railway operations has been investigated.

"When a railroad attempts to increase its rates," one official said, "it must first show good and sufficient cause and subject itself to a thorough investigation. Why isn't that railroad entitled to have causes shown it why it should increase its salary to employees before having to pay the increases?"

The session today was very short. The President spoke only briefly.

President Wilson was in the Green Room of the White House when the railway executives arrived. President Holden introduced each of his colleagues to the President as they entered the room. After shaking hands with all of them President Wilson indicated he was ready for the conference to begin.

Holden Opens Conference.

Holden opened the conference by stating the railroad executives approved in full everything done by the railroad managers in whom they had vested the power of attorney.

The railroads feel in the present situation they are fighting for the principle of arbitration, which he said was the only remaining protection, not only for the railroads but for all other industries of the country, against the aggression of labor.

The railway executives were reinforced by hundreds of letters and telegrams from big manufacturers and employers, urging them not to yield the "right and justice of arbitration."

The employees have made it known they will not recede from their position beyond the principles conceded at President Wilson's request.

Any concession now, it was declared, must come from the operators. The railway presidents agreed almost unanimously that when they give their final action to the President tomorrow it will not be an acceptance of his proposal.

Presidents in Hostile Mood.

The railroad presidents came in a more or less hostile mood. With open frankness some of them say they will support the position of their managers, who had declined to accede to the President's proposal that the concession of an 8-hour day at the present 10-hour pay be made the basis of settlement, other issues then to be investigated and settled by a general public commission.

While the big gathering of the railroad employees was preparing to vote "yes or no" on the President's plan, the railway presidents were conferring with their managers.

The President is expected to reiterate that he believes the 8-hour day can successfully be applied to railroad operations without prohibitive additional costs and with resultant

THE CALENDAR

August 18, Friday—Robinson's Circus.
September 14, 15, 16, Thursday, Friday and Saturday—University entrance examinations.
September 18, 19, 20, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—University registration.
September 20, Wednesday—Opening Convocation, University Auditorium, 11 a. m.
September 21, Thursday—University class work in all divisions begins.

MAYOR DIDN'T STOP THE CIRCUS

Differences Over Price of License Were Amicably Settled.

The rumor that the circus parade was stopped by Mayor Batierton this morning was unfounded.

"The manager of the show went to pay the license this morning," said the mayor, "and finding it to be higher than expected, came to me. Yesterday the license in Moberly was \$30. Our law calls for \$5 for every car carrying animals or equipment. At the time of the parade, we were settling the difference, but the license was paid. I did not stop the parade."

MRS. McCASKEY DIES

Columbia Woman Succumbs to Typhoid Fever at Parker Hospital.

Mrs. W. L. McCasky died shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Parker Memorial Hospital after five weeks of illness with typhoid fever.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon by the Rev. Madison A. Hart, who was summoned from Mount Sterling, Ky., and the Rev. C. C. Grimes at the Christian Church. Burial will take place in the Columbia Cemetery.

The pall-bearers will be C. C. McCasky, R. W. McCasky, N. T. McCasky, and R. D. McCasky, who are Mr. McCasky's brothers, and J. H. Lynch and H. Whitesides, her brothers-in-law.

Mrs. McCasky was taken sick on July 7 while visiting her sister, Mrs. James Lynch, at Granite City, Ill. She was brought to Columbia a week later and placed under the care of doctors Thornton, Nifong, Shaeffer and Moss at the Parker Memorial Hospital. Her condition from the first day of illness was serious and continued to be such through the four weeks at the hospital.

Mr. McCasky is a deacon in the Christian Church and a traveling salesman for the Coles Manufacturing Company of Chicago.

Mrs. McCasky is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rogers. She was born near Belflower in Montgomery County August 12, 1884. She attended the high school at Montgomery City, a business college at Sedalia, and was a special student in the University. For about eight years previous to her marriage she was secretary to Dean F. B. Mumford of the College of Agriculture. On December 26, 1912, she was married to W. L. McCasky. Elizabeth Ann McCasky who is seven months old is their only child.

Mrs. W. L. McCasky is survived by five sisters: Mrs. A. H. Whitesides of Montgomery City, Mrs. J. H. Johnson and Mrs. C. Johnson of Belflower, Mrs. Frank Tamsk of Gueda Springs, Kan., and Mrs. James Lynch of Granite City, Ill.; one brother, James Rogers of Belflower, her father, J. P. Rogers of Belflower, and her husband and daughter.

MAY INCORPORATE SUNNY SLOPE

Plan Is to Incorporate Farm for \$100,000—Edwards and Miller Owners.

Edwards and Miller, owners of the Sunny Slope Farm, are planning to incorporate for \$100,000, and to provide an outlay for small fruits, green houses, hot beds, and the propagation of vegetables and plants.

Mr. Edwards left yesterday afternoon for St. Charles in the interest of this project.

The farm was established four years ago, the owners then students in the College of Agriculture. Since then the enterprise has grown to be one of the largest truck farms and dairies in Central Missouri.

R. G. Spurling Resumes Work.

R. Glenwood Spurling, who has been visiting in Columbia for several weeks, left this afternoon for Drexel, Mo. Spurling is a member of the Warwick Quartette, now on the White-Myers system, and does both instrumental and vocal work. He was injured in an automobile accident recently, which caused him to leave his work for a short time.

"BEST EVER" PARADE FEATURES CIRCUS DAY

Crowd Blocks Broadway in Effort to See John Robinson Shows.

CLOWNS MAKE A HIT

Charlie Chaplin Also Causes Merriment—Two Shows Given Today.

Broadway was packed with excited people this morning to witness the parade given by the Robinson Circus. "There she comes," "Listen to that band," and "I wonder if there are any elephants," were the questions heard on every hand.

It is estimated that there were 10,000 people who saw the parade this morning. And it was a good parade. The horses were in good shape and the grease paint and spangles of every parade were very much in evidence. Four bands and two "music boxes" furnished the music and the clown band pierced the atmosphere at every convenient point.

An innovation in circus parades is introduced by this circus—a clown on top of every cage. Charlie Chaplin created great merriment in his limpid walk down Broadway. It was one of the best parades seen in Columbia.

Circus day began at 5 o'clock this morning when the first trains arrived in the city over the Wabash Railroad. There was a large crowd to witness the unloading, and many followed the wagons to the Fair Grounds.

Imagination then ran riot until the music of the red coated and white helmeted bandmen, and the long line of horses announced the approach of the big parade.

The John Robinson Circus has for years been recognized as one of the oldest and highest class shows in the world, and the large crowds at the afternoon performance, and the indications of a tremendous night business is the daily reward of 89 years of clean, honorable, and progressive showmanship.

The Robinson war elephants, the performing monkeys and seals, the camels, horses, and dogs all scored heavily with the afternoon crowd.

Madame Bedini and her troupe of young lady high school riders, Prof. Walter Sanders and his waltzing and tangoing horses, and the Horrette Sisters in their aerial act were the features of the afternoon. The army of clowns in their ludicrous sport will be remembered for some time, and the tableau spectacle of all the nations was filled with action and color.

The evening show will commence at 8 o'clock, and the doors to the menagerie will open one hour earlier. The Robinson Concert Band, of 35 musicians, will give a concert beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

KATY MEN WON'T STRIKE YET

No Official Instructions For Walk-Out Have Been Received.

There will be no walk-out of local railroad men, at least before further notice.

"We have had no instructions," said an employee of the Katy this afternoon, "and no strike is expected by local men as yet. The session between President Wilson, and presidents of the railroads, which takes place this afternoon, is expected to bring out the true state of affairs."

"I know nothing more on the strike question," said Mayor Batierton this afternoon. "The crisis is at hand, and the outcome will be known soon, but I have had no further word from any authority."

Philippine Bill Is Passed.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The Philippine bill, granting an increased measure of independence, passed the House this afternoon, 24 to 29. It is now ready for the President's signature, having gone through the Senate without a roll call.

Bertha Prather Is Better.

Miss Bertha Prather, 802 North Eighth street, who has been ill with malarial fever for the last three weeks, was reported a little better this morning. She is being attended by Dr. W. R. Shaeffer.

FRENCH GAIN GROUND IN POWERFUL ATTACK

Village of Fleury, on Verdun Front, Is Completely Recaptured.

BERLIN ADMITS LOSS

Russians Move Forward and Prepare for an Invasion of Hungary.

By United Press.

PARIS, Aug. 18.—Powerful attacks on the northeast front of Verdun last night enabled the French completely to recapture the village of Fleury, driving the Germans from that part of the village which they still held. It was officially announced this afternoon.

The Germans still retain a few ruins outside the east end of the village. The French also advanced west of the town between Fleury and Thiaumont. The French blow was struck on the 178th day of the great battle for the fortress city. It was preceded by a terrific bombardment and a heavy curtain of fire that prevented the Germans bringing up reserves.

On the Somme front the Germans last night made their first attempt to recapture positions taken by the French around Maurepas. They were repulsed.

Slavs May Invade Hungary.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 18.—Threatening an early invasion of Hungary, the Russians have thrust forward in the Jablotzka pass region and are approaching the summit of the mountain in the region of Koromezio, Hungary. It was officially announced this afternoon.

The capture of several villages southwest of Stanislaw and heights on the west of the Zlota Lipa River also were announced. Koromezio lies at the southern end of a big pass, one of the most important gateways leading into the plains of Hungary.

British Gain Near Petit.

By United Press.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—British troops last night extended the gains they made yesterday northwest of Petit, entering German trench positions. General Haig reported this evening.

The trenches were found to be greatly damaged and full of dead. Other hostile attacks in the region of Martinpuch during the night were repulsed as completely as were the attempts in the same region yesterday.

By United Press.

BERLIN, Aug. 18.—British troops succeeded in pressing back the German first line southeast of Martinpuch on a narrow front in yesterday's fighting, but were completely repulsed in attempts north of Pozieres and west of the Fouraux woods. It was officially announced this afternoon.

Between Thiaumont and Maurepas the French attacks were repulsed with heavy losses. In the northwest the fighting continues without decision.

Turkish troops rushed to Galicia to reinforce the Austrian armies have been in action for the first time. It was officially announced this afternoon. They repulsed Russian attacks.

In the Carpathians the Germans are making further progress.

The Austrians continued to advance in Southwestern Bukovina and have repulsed six massed attacks by the Russians northwest of Stanislaw, said a delayed official statement from Vienna under date of August 15, received here today. The repulse of all Italian attacks is also claimed.

On the von Hindenburg front the Russians suffered enormous losses in a defeat southwest of Podkamien and made no attempt to resume the fighting.

Miss Katherine Price to Wed.

The engagement of Miss Katherine Price and Mr. Roscoe Fenton Houston was announced at an informal porch party given at Read Hall. Miss Price is a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority; Mr. Houston, a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Harley Hyde Leaves.

Harley Hyde, a senior in the College of Agriculture of the University and a guard on last year's Tiger basketball team, left this afternoon for Couer d'Alene, Idaho, where he will teach manual training and act as athletic director in the high school at that place during the coming year.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Fair with continued high temperature tonight and Saturday.
For Missouri: Fair with continued high temperature tonight and Saturday.

Weather Conditions.

The pressure has risen over the eastern and southern portions of the country, and has fallen throughout the Rocky Mountain division. This has resulted in continued fair, warm weather and southerly winds over the Mississippi Valley and the Plains states.

Local showers, generally light, occurred in eastern Tennessee and South Carolina, New Mexico and northern Texas, and in Wisconsin and northern Michigan. Quite a general rain area also extended over the North Pacific slope, and inland over Nevada and the northern Rockies.

Temperatures have not changed much during the past twenty-four hours. Readings of seventy-eight and eighty were reported at 7 a. m. over Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa and Illinois. At Winnebago freezing conditions prevailed at that hour. In Columbia fair and continued warm weather should continue throughout tonight and Saturday.

Local Data.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 96, and the lowest last night was 76; precipitation, .00; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday 41 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 86, and the lowest 68; precipitation, .24.

The Almanac.

Sun rose today, 5:25 a. m. Sun sets, 7:00 p. m.
Moon rises 9:37 p. m.

The Temperatures Today.

7 a. m.	78	11 a. m.	90
8 a. m.	80	12 m.	92
9 a. m.	84	1 p. m.	95
10 a. m.	88	2 p. m.	95

ARMY BILLIS VETOED

Clause About Retired Officers Doesn't Meet the President's Approval.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—President Wilson today vetoed the army appropriation bill. His action resulted from a provision in the bill exempting retired army officers from liability to service and discipline under the articles of war.

The exemption provision grows out of the objection made by certain retired officers when asked to serve following the outbreak of the Mexican trouble.

Within one hour later the veto reached the House. Chairman Hays re-introduced the measure, minus any mention of the articles of war.

In his veto message to Congress, the President suggested a constitutional objection to such exemption. So long as retired officers are continued in their status as members of the army, he said they cannot under the constitution be released from obedience to the President.

The message expresses doubt that the majority of the retired officers would sanction such provision in the law.

The veto of the appropriation bill, carrying \$267,000,000, will delay the general military reorganization as provided for in a separate measure now a law, which provides for a regular army of 175,000 and 430,000 national guardsmen.

NEW YORK NOW GREATEST PORT

American City Takes Place of London in World's Commerce.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—New York City has usurped London's proud position as the foremost port in the world—the only door of commerce through which \$2,000,000,000 trade is flowing annually. Figures from the New York and London commerce journals available today confirm this assertion.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, imports and exports to the total of \$2,169,000,000 passed through the great American metropolis, while London during the corresponding 1914 calendar year registered a foreign trade of \$1,485,607,410.

New York's exports reached, during the period, \$1,193,581,000 as against London's \$262,655,300.

Britain's first port, however, maintains the import supremacy with a total of \$1,222,952,110. New York's

\$100,000 MISSING FROM A BANK

Longview, Tex., Cashier Disappears at Same Time—Is a Stockholder.

By United Press.

LONGVIEW, Tex., Aug. 18.—More than \$100,000, together with C. N. Campbell, cashier, and G. A. Bodenheim, a heavy stockholder, are missing from the People's State Bank, closed by the banking commission today. Their whereabouts are not known.

Mrs. D. C. Bermond Visiting Here.

Mrs. Dale C. Bermond of St. Joseph, Mo., is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Boswell.

GOVERNOR CONFIRMS W.R. PAINTER'S ACTION

Ousting of St. Louis and St. Joseph Police Heads Is O.K'd by Major.

A POLITICAL PLAN

Politicians Say Failure of Atkinson in Race Is Cause of Trouble.

By United Press.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Aug. 18.—Governor Major of Missouri at Highland Park this afternoon said he would not interfere with the appointees of Lieutenant Governor Painter in naming new police commissioners for St. Louis and St. Joseph.

Governor Major said he was surprised to hear of the move but would not interfere, saying that the lieutenant governor was the governor absolutely. He said that the changes would not interfere with his vacation plans.

By United Press.

JEFFERSON CITY, Aug. 18.—Everything here this afternoon pointed directly to the conclusion that there was a perfect understanding between Governor Major and Lieutenant Governor Painter when the former departed for his summer vacation, that the Lieutenant Governor was to come here and remove police commissioners Samuel McPheeters of St. Louis and Doctor Crandall and W. T. McDaniels of St. Joseph.

The lieutenant governor stated very frankly this afternoon that he was well satisfied that Governor Major will not interfere with his appointees to fill these places when he returned to Missouri.

Colonel C. C. Butler of the American Hotel and colonel on the governor's staff was appointed to succeed McPheeters at St. Louis.

"I would not make any removals of this character," said Painter's statement, "if I had any reason to believe that my appointees would believe he removed a few days later by the governor. That would be absurd. My appointees will not be disturbed by Governor Major. Take that as a hint and write what you please."

Politicians were free in expressing their belief that the commissioners had been deposed because of the failure of the police force of St. Joseph and St. Louis to support John M. Atkinson for the Democratic nomination for governor.

WILL CELEBRATE GERMAN DAY

Hermann, Mo., to Hold Celebration and Convention on September 24.

The preparations for the celebration of German Day at Hermann and the State Convention of the German-American Alliance are in full progress. The committees of this state are doing all in their power to make this the big coming-together-day for the German speaking people of Missouri.

The St. Louis German papers are calling attention to the event in every Sunday issue. They lay especial stress on the fact that Hermann of all cities of our state is the ideal place for the celebration and convention. For Hermann is a pronounced blending of all that is German and American. It is the American city on the Rhine, the German city with American citizens, true American in German setting, German and American architecture and German and English language, German and English schools and churches and a citizenship most desirable to America because it combines the characteristics of the thrifty Teuton with the love for American institutions and an American patriotism that has been tried and never found wanting.

Special trains will arrive at Hermann from St. Louis carrying not only the delegates of the alliance, but also the Catholic Union of St. Louis. The latter organization will come not only to take part in the German Day celebration but to attend services in the beautiful new St. Georges church. It is estimated that Hermann will entertain fully seven hundred visitors September 24.

To Study Soil at McBaine.

Prof. W. H. Lawrence and C. C. Wiggins of the horticultural department of the College of Agriculture drove to McBaine early this morning. They will study the river bottom soil near McBaine and will also inspect the orchards in that locality.

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